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NEW BEARING AND INSULATION MATERIAL -- Viata Sindicala, No 459, 11 Mar 49

After 4 years of experimentation, materials for bearings and insulation have at last been produced at Resit. One of the products is textile-bakelite (textil-bakelita), which is made from old rags impregnated with bakelite and subjected to a mechanical and chemical treatment. It can be used for bearings, fittings for centrifuge pumps, electrical insulators, and parts for the textile industry.

Mignofol, the second product, is formed from sheets of plywood treated with bakelite. This product is an antifriction material and can be used in place of more costly and rare bronze and other nonferrous alloys. Some of its advantages are that bearings made from Mignofol can be cooled literally, "lubricated" with water; and that the material resists pressure very well. There is an abundance of raw materials in the vicinity -- phenol from the distillation of wood tar at the plant in Boca Taiove, formaldehyde from the Caras wood distillery, and wood from the forests around Resita.

IMPORTS OF NATURAL RUBBER FROM USSR -- Vista Sindical, No 459 10 Mar 42

The rubber factory in Brasov has received large shipments of crude rubber from USSR under the Trade Agreement. These shipments have enabled the Brasov factory to surpass its production quotas for January and February.

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PLANNED TIRE AND TUBE PRODUCTION FOR 1949 -- Zycis Warszawa [Polish],
No 62, 4 Mar 49

It is planned that during 1949 the tire and tube production of the
State Chemical Industry will be as follows:

<u>Automobile</u>		<u>Motorcycle</u>		<u>Bicycle</u>	
<u>Tires</u>	<u>Tubes</u>	<u>Tires</u>	<u>Tubes</u>	<u>Tires</u>	<u>Tubes</u>
131,000	130,000+	15,000	15,000	2,000,000	2,000,000

The January production was as follows (in percent of plan):

<u>Automobile</u>		<u>Motorcycle</u>		<u>Bicycle</u>	
<u>Tires</u>	<u>Tubes</u>	<u>Tires</u>	<u>Tubes</u>	<u>Tires</u>	<u>Tubes</u>
102	122	120	113	110	101

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